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REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF LATIN
1906-1907

*To the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical
Studies in Rome :*

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to submit to you the following report of my work as Professor of Latin in the American School in Rome for the year 1906-07.

As there was no demand at the beginning of the year for regular instruction in Palaeography, I merely offered my help and advice to those who were doing definite work on manuscripts, and decided to devote all the time allotted me to Epigraphy, for which several of the students were unusually well prepared, two or three having already pursued the subject in American universities for two years, and others for one year. I therefore began by giving lectures at the School on such aspects of the subject as seemed most necessary to that particular class, using for illustration the collection of inscriptions now found at the School. At the same time, I endeavored to make good the lack of previous training on the part of some members of the class by giving them private instruction and by directing their outside reading. After four or five weeks we began to study systematically the most important inscriptions in Rome, and thereafter throughout the session spent the morning hours of one day each week in the Forum or in one of the Museums, visiting most frequently those of the Capitol, the Vatican, and the Baths. In this way a very large number of inscriptions was considered, not only from the epigraphical, but also from the historical point of view, and each student took his turn in the interpretation of stones previously assigned. Informal lectures also were given on about fifteen of the most interesting inscriptions, such as the *Elogium Duili*, the *Basis Capitolina*, the *Fasti Capitolini* and *Praenestini*, the *Lex de imperio Vespasiani*, the *Acta Ludorum Saecularium*, the *Tabula alimentaria Traiani*, and the *Elogia Scipionum*. The enthusiasm

of the students was especially aroused by a number of epigraphical excursions in which from three to ten or more members of the School participated. The most profitable of these were the excursions to Albano, L' Ariccia, Cori, Ostia, Tivoli, and the Via Appia ; in some of these places unpublished inscriptions were discovered and errors in the edition of several already published were noted.

In addition to the regular lectures and exercises, I had almost daily conferences with the students individually in the library of the School, helping them over their difficulties, guiding them in their reading and research, and training them in the use of the Corpus of Inscriptions. This part of the work, though perhaps the most useful of all, can hardly be the subject of a detailed report.

Respectfully submitted,

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October, 1907.